



## Glad to have you as part of the Workhorse Family!

I would like to welcome you and your family to Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 (MWSS-271) aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina. Whether you have been stationed here before or not, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised and will enjoy your tour of duty here. In the midst of our fast paced environment our team will do our best to make your transition as smooth as possible. Soon you will be introduced to the proud history and mission of this command; however, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss you and your family's integration as the newest members of the 'Workhorse' team.

Effective sponsorship is critical to our success as an organization. It is essential that you and your sponsor be affordable the time necessary to settle and integrate yourself and your family into the command and local community. You will be in a hurry to get to your duties and your section will be anxious to put you to work, but rushing through in-processing and not taking the appropriate time to take care of personal and family needs will only hurt you, your family and the command in the long run. We must insure that as you are in-processing with the unit, your family gets integrated into the unit, the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing (2d MAW) culture and the Squadron's Family Readiness Team. Again, proper sponsorship is important and is a priority, so if you are not getting the support you require to transition and settle your homestead, please let me know personally.

As a Marine or Sailor assigned to MWSS-271, you will play an essential role in executing missions and tasks for the Squadron, Marine Aircraft Group 14 and 2d MAW here at MCAS Cherry Point or at any other location around the globe. If this is your first assignment with an operational unit, you will find your experience extremely challenging and rewarding. We will provide you with the resources and the training to adjust to the challenge and responsibility, but along the way I expect you to challenge yourself to learn as much as possible and quickly become an asset as you adjust to the demands of this command.

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